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Applicant Filed

: Wilfried Matthis, et al.: December 1, 2003

Title

: ELEMENT HAVING A SHAFT AND A HOLDING ELEMENT

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Examiner

: Annette R. Reimers

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of October 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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